

£9.9M EXPANSION OF GROWTH DEAL BOOSTS LOCAL PLAN FOR HUMBER ECONOMY

The Humber Local Enterprise Partnership has agreed an expansion to its Growth Deal with the Government which will see an extra £9.9m invested in the Humber between 2016 and 2021. This is in addition to the £103.7m of funding committed by the Government on 7 July 2014. Over the lifetime of its Deal (2015-2021) the Local Enterprise Partnership estimates that up to 9000 new jobs could be created, 5000 new homes built and that it has the potential to generate £300m public and private investment.

The additional proposed projects include:

- Support to attract new businesses, visitors and residents into Hull's historic Old Town and Cleethorpes town centre.
- Vital works on transport links in Hull, Goole, Stallingborough (between Immingham and Grimsby) and the A18 in North Lincolnshire, improving access to key strategic employment sites.
- Support for a Skills capital programme to maintain and enhance the current Further Education building stock and enhance learning provision across the Humber.
- Building managed workspace for new and existing businesses in the East Riding of Yorkshire and Scunthorpe.

In addition, the Government is also committed in principle to the development of the delivery of an office and retail scheme on Cartergate through discounted Public works Loan Board borrowing.

The Humber Growth Deal is part of a long term plan to devolve at least £12 billion from central government to local economies. The plan aims for every part of the country to be a motor of growth for the national economy – building on the strength of the Humber area.

Quotes

The Prime Minister said:

“Giving local communities the power and the money to unlock growth and development and make the spending decisions that work for them is a key part of our long-term economic plan to secure a brighter future for Britain and ensure a recovery for all.

“And this is happening right across the Humber, with more money announced today for key projects to boost the local economy as part of the multi-million pound expansion of the Government’s Growth Deals.

“And because the money will be in the control of a partnership of local community, business and civic leaders it means it will go on the things that really matter to people and businesses here.

“That is what Growth Deals are all about, backing local people and investing in the infrastructure, housing and skills that will drive forward local economies, create more jobs and opportunities for hardworking people and supercharge all parts of our country.

The Deputy Prime Minister said:

“A quiet revolution is underway on Humberside and across the country, as Growth Deals signal the death of the culture where Whitehall calls the shots. I’ve seen for myself the difference it makes to give the Humber area more power over skills, over business support, over infrastructure spending.

“I am delighted to announce the expansion of the Humber Growth Deal today.

“The Coalition Government has been relentless in our efforts to sort out the public finances and set firm foundations for growth. Growth Deals help create a stronger economy and a fairer society by boosting local economies, and providing more jobs, better transport and affordable homes.”

Lord Haskins of Skidby, Chair of the Humber LEP said: “We have ambitious plans for the Humber and this further allocation of Local Growth Fund money helps support our long term strategy. I am pleased that we have been able to demonstrate again the case for investment to support growth around the Humber, building on the success of last year’s allocation.

“I very much welcome devolved funding for projects decided by local leaders who know what the priorities are on the ground. The LEP and its partners are making good progress with the implementation of last year’s projects, and we look forward to getting on with these as well.”

Cllr Liz Redfern, Leader of North Lincolnshire Council, welcomed the announcement saying: “This is excellent news regarding our bids for Local Growth Funding. The Melton Ross Bridge is an essential piece of infrastructure on the A18 and this funding will help us ensure the bridge is in a fully functioning state. The council are committed to the regeneration of Westcliff and this funding will also support the ongoing work to transform the area and increase the opportunities for the local population.”

Councillor Stephen Parnaby OBE, leader of East Riding of Yorkshire Council said: "We are delighted that this funding will allow further investment in the M62/A63 corridor, adding to existing quality sites and premises and improving the links that connect these to the local workforce. These projects are excellent examples of how partnership working between local authorities, businesses and landowners and the area's colleges and university are delivering economic growth across the Humber."

Cllr Stephen Brady, Leader of Hull City Council, commenting on the two projects in Hull which have received Local Growth Funding, said: "The Old Town is the historical heart of Hull, with the city's long and rich history reflected in the layout of its medieval streets and wonderful architecture. In more recent years, however, a lack of investment in the area has led to empty shops and offices, and a sense that the Old Town may no longer be the first choice for working and living in. This funding will enable the Council and its partners to make a significant investment in the area in time for 2017, when the city is UK City of Culture. It will help small businesses make the most of the Old town's historic buildings and will allow residents and visitors rediscover the history and beauty of this treasured part of the city."

"Widening a section of Anlaby Road close to Hull Royal Infirmary will relieve congestion on this major route out of the City and provide better access for buses and cars. The scheme is vital to improving access to Hull in readiness for the city hosting of the UK City of Culture celebrations in 2017 and will also provide an alternative route to take traffic off the A63 during the construction period for the A63 Castle Street Improvement Scheme. The scheme also includes the strengthening of the Park Street bridge to allow better alternative access for buses in and out of the Interchange and for delivery vehicles accessing St Stephen's. This will reduce traffic on Ferensway and make pedestrian access into the Interchange and St Stephen's safer and easier".

Councillor Ray Oxby, portfolio holder for regeneration, North East Lincolnshire Council said, "These are very exciting initiatives. We've been developing a number of projects designed to unlock growth across North East Lincolnshire, whether it's investment in our infrastructure to open up new employment sites, or revitalising our town centres to benefit local businesses, residents and visitors. Through the delivery of these strategic projects we'll help to make the area more attractive to future business growth and investment."

FACTSHEET

1. How much is the Government investing in Humber as part of the Growth Deal?

	Initial Growth Deal (July 2014)	Expansion – additional funding awarded (Jan 2015)	Total Expanded Growth Deal
Local Growth Fund	<i>£103.7m</i>	<i>£9.9m</i>	£113.6m

2. What proposed projects will this new tranche of funding deliver?

The additional funding will deliver the following projects:

- **Hull Old Town:** support to bring retail and office space back into use, and attract businesses, visitors and residents to Hull's historic Old Town.
- **A18 Melton Ross Railway Bridge:** Replacement of a weakened bridge on the A18, which is an essential strategic link between Scunthorpe and the Ports of Immingham and Grimsby.
- **A161 Bridge Street Cycle Scheme, Goole:** Construction of a new off-road shared use footway/cycleway along the A161, Goole.
- **Skills Capital Programme:** Maintain and enhance the current Further Education building stock and enhance learning provision across the Humber.
- **Stallingborough Interchange, North East Lincolnshire:** Deliver junction improvements to the A1173 and Kiln Lane Roundabout at Stallingborough to enable the development of the Stallingborough Interchange strategic employment site.
- **Westcliff Regeneration Programme, Scunthorpe:** New managed space for business start-ups as part of a wider housing regeneration scheme.
- **A1105 Anlaby Road Corridor/Park St Bridge Strengthening:** Improve traffic flow/reduce congestion on the A1105 Anlaby Road corridor by widening

the carriageway and also strengthening the existing Park Street Bridge, which will improve access to the City Centre Strategic Development Sites.

- **ERGO Centre, East Riding of Yorkshire:** Specialist managed workspace building targeted at business and professional services supporting the development of environmental technologies sector.
- **Central Cleethorpes Regeneration Programme:** Accelerate the development of two strategic development sites in the town centre, alongside complementary investment to promote the restoration of historic buildings and improvement of the public realm.

In addition, the Government is also committed in principle to the development of the delivery of an office and retail scheme on Cartergate through discounted Public works Loan Board borrowing.

This adds to the projects that were announced in July 2014, including:

- **Rail electrification** - support for plans to switch to an electric railway between Hull and the East Coast Main Line via Selby to provide faster and improved connections to London and Northern cities.
- **Grimsby Town Centre Infrastructure Works** – major work in Grimsby town centre to allow for the development of a £12m commercial and residential development on the Cartergate Site.
- **Connecting the City – a new City Bridge over the A63** at Hull Marina.
- **Lincolnshire Lakes** - flood defence works at Lincolnshire Lakes in North Lincolnshire to allow new homes to be built
- **Delivering Housing Growth in Hull** - on-going support to build and refurbish homes across the City. This builds on the successful Regional Growth Fund project that is underway.
- **Package of Flood Defence Projects on the Humber North Bank** - reducing the flood risk to over 58,000 residential properties projects in Albert Dock, Hull; Orchard Park and Cottingham, Hull and the East Riding of Yorkshire; Anlaby and East Ella (including Hessle Frontage), Hull; River Hull Valley Delivery, Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire; and Hull and Holderness, Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire.

- **Regional Growth Fund Capital Grant Extension, Humber-** extending the existing £31m 'Growing the Humber' Regional Growth Fund programme to offer flexible grants to help job-creating businesses grow across the Humber.
- **Package of Skills Projects supporting the Humber's plans to become a Centre of Excellence for Energy Skills** - projects include a) CATCH in North East Lincolnshire to develop a new training facility for specialist offshore wind training; b) Creation of a new build learning centre by Grimsby Institute to provide renewable and environmental technology skills; and c) Extension of Goole College's vocational skills workshop and associated classroom refurbishment to provide engineering and renewable technologies training.
- In addition, subject to due diligence, Government will provide £8.558m of loan funding through the Local Growth Fund (Housing Infrastructure) to Redrow Homes developer to accelerate the delivery of 750 homes on the Land Off Moor Road, Brough site.

3. How does this benefit the people of the Humber?

The Humber Growth Deal focuses on maximising the potential of the Humber Estuary and to ensure the Humber becomes a renowned national and international centre for renewable energy. It also focuses on supporting businesses to grow and helping the residents of the Humber to access new and existing job opportunities.

The additional Growth Deal funding will see investment in strategic transport projects that will improve access to key existing employment sites, as well as enable the development of new sites and create new job opportunities across the Humber. The Deal will also enhance learning provision across the Humber and support the economic regeneration of the City of Hull and Cleethorpes.

According to estimates by the LEP, the Growth Deal could bring to the Humber:

- Up to 9000 jobs
- Up to 5000 homes to be built or refurbished
- Over 62,000 new and existing properties with reduced flood risk.
- Up to £300million in public and private investment.

4. What is the benefit for local businesses?

As well as transport and flood defence improvements, the total Growth Deal will see small businesses benefit from further support to the Growth Hub in the Humber, with specialist advice on how they can grow and access the markets and the government support they need. Growing businesses will also benefit from the extension to the

LEP's 'Growing the Humber' Regional Growth Programme which supports job-creating company expansions.

The additional Growth Deal funding will build on this and support specialist managed workspace targeted at environmental technology businesses in the East Riding and the creation of a new managed workspace for business start-ups in Scunthorpe. Businesses will also benefit from an up skilled workforce through the LEP's Skills Capital Programme.

5. Facts and figures

The Growth Deal builds on significant recent investment in growth opportunities in the Humber including:

Growing Places Fund total allocation: £8.8m

Enterprise Zone funding: £18.3m

The Hull and Humber City Deal will also see the development of key sites along the Humber estuary. A Centre of Excellence for energy skills will be established to ensure local young people are equipped with the skills local businesses require. A payment-by-results system will be introduced so that skills training providers are incentivised to support local adults into sustainable employment or education.

Regional Growth Fund: Humber LEP area has to date received £83.4m investment from the Regional Growth Fund, and could also benefit from £7.3m invested in neighbouring LEPs.

Coastal Communities Fund: £5,081,688